



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



PARISH BULLETIN Third Sunday of Advent, Year C, 15 December 2024



PARISH VISION STATEMENT 2004



“Created by God, Loved by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit ... We come together inspired by our patrons, St Mary the Virgin and St Joseph, her husband, to worship, study and serve.”

St Mary's Bombala
St Joseph's Delegate
St Peter's Corrowong

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Please assist the team by having items in by Wednesday pm.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION DECEMBER

For Pilgrims of Hope



We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

We pray for all envoys in the church's diplomatic service, that they will engage fruitfully with national governments in the cause of peace and justice for all.

We pray for world leaders. May this week's International Migrants Day (18 December) urge them to address the poverty and violence that drive so many to flee their homeland.

We pray for rural dioceses and parishes struggling with limited resources, that they will find creative ways to build community and continue proclaiming the Gospel.



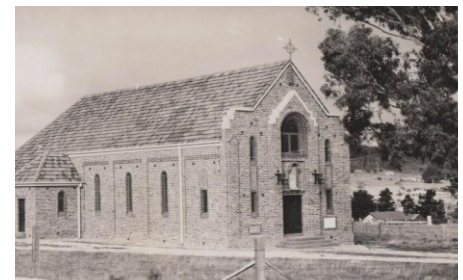
We pray for those who are sick in our community, may they be able to see Christ's presence in their most difficult moments:

John Caldwell, Glad Hurley, Joanne Jamieson, Amy Talbot, Sr Margaret Maloney, Marilyn Holdsworth, Noah Ingram, Joyce Reed, Terry Perkins, Kath Farrell, Val Perkins, Chris Cuttle, Barbara Brownlie, Jim Parkes, Patricia Guthrie, Jen Farrell, Harry & Mary Anne Dillon, Heather Whitby, John Elliott, Marlene Kennedy, Kim Peisley, Tom Kennedy, Peter Hopkins, Larry Bedingfield, Danielle Hurley.



PARISH CALENDAR

WED Mass Bombala 9.30am
Year 6 Graduation Mass
FRI Saint Peter Canisius
SAT LW&HC Delegate 6pm
SUN Mass Bombala 9am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

David Nichol, Gloria Robinson

December Anniversaries

Carol Badewitz, Vincent Crotty

Del Duffell, Tori Finnane

Emily Giblett, Kitty Guthrie

Nola Hehir, Jareth Hillyer

Brian Murphy, Toby Mustard

Brian Nash, Kevin O'Mara

Dot Ogilvy, Helen Parkes

Mort Smith, Jimmy Thompson

Jim Twigg



“We have loved them in Life:
Let us not forget them in death.”



“If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all.” Saint Peter Canisius



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP



May our good God grant you all a holy and truly happy Christmas. We can all meet together in spirit at the Crib of our loving Infant and can recommend our several wants and pray for one another.

I wish you every grace and blessing of this holy time with fondest love. (19.12.1881)

CANDLE LITURGY

ADVENT WEEK 3 - The third candle is pink and represents JOY

The change in colour reminds us that we are at the midpoint of Advent and we are close to Christmas

CELEBRANT: Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptising you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. *(3rd candle is lit)*

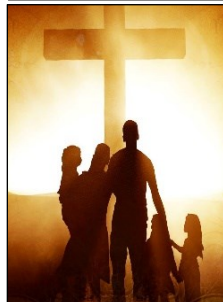
ALL: Gracious God, as we light the third Advent candle of joy, may the joy of your salvation fill us with gladness. Help us to share this joy with others, especially those in need. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



FINDING GOD IN OUR WORLD

A summons

Let's actively embody the Good News this December through acts of kindness, compassion and service.



Daily Prayer Intention - We pray for one another at this busy time of the year. May we take time to reflect on our blessings and give thanks for them.

Weekly Prayer Intention - We pray for nations and corporations that profit from the world-wide trade in arms. May they invest instead in projects that promote human flourishing.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer



CELEBRANT/LEADER: Dear friends, with John the Baptist we keep watch for the advent of God's Anointed One. In peace we pray for the needs of the church and the world.

READER: For Pope Francis. May his missionary journeys to lands near and far proclaim God's gift of salvation for the whole human family. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Christian communities around the world. May they be blessed with the happiness and peace that the apostle Paul wished for the church at Philippi. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For all earth's peoples. May John the Baptist's call to integrity, justice and generosity herald the dawn of a new human solidarity. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For emergency service personnel during this summer season. May they succeed in their task of keeping the community safe and may their safety be a priority in all operations. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For the sick among our parish community and for all who have sought our prayers, may they find strength, comfort, and healing. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For those who have recently passed from this life and those whose anniversaries we commemorate at this time. May they be lifted to the glory of the Risen Lord and rest in eternal peace. We pray to the Lord. **(R)**

For Our Lady's intercession for all our needs and especially for the people in war-torn places. We pray **Hail Mary...**

CELEBRANT/LEADER: God of grace and mercy, you anointed your Son with the oil of gladness. Bless our world, we pray, with the gift of peace. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**

LOOKING BACK 50 YEARS AGO

1974 St Joseph's School Delegate

St Joseph's Convent
Church Street,
DELEGATE NSW 2554
1st December 1974

Dear Parents,

Our usual Christmas tree will be held on Thursday night 5th December at 7pm. Presents should not exceed one dollar in value. There will be a decorated tree in the playground and Santa will distribute the presents.

You will be pleased to learn that the school has received a grant of \$600.00 (approx. \$5,823.00 in 2024) from the federal government as well as the \$350.00 which was given for the library. The Parents and Friends Association is planning to have new heaters installed in the school. These will be certainly appreciated by all the school.

Sister Kathleen and I will be looking for transport to Cooma on Monday 16th December when we will be catching the train to Sydney. If anyone can help we would be very grateful. There will be more luggage than usual as Sister Kathleen has been transferred to Kingswood, near Penrith. If some people with a utility are going in a day or two before the 16th we would be grateful if they would take some of the luggage and leave it at the railway station.

Sister Julie, from Sydney, and I plan to return on Thursday 23rd of January for what will be my seventh and final year in Delegate. We will have the same problem of transport and would like to hear from anyone who is willing to help on that day.

We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday night.
God bless you.

Yours faithfully,
Sister Frances (Bede)

Boat Number 99



At a rent-a-boat company beside the lake, the new manager said into the microphone: "Boat 99, your hour is up, please head in."

There was no response. Again, he said, "Boat 99, your hour is up, please head in". Again, there was no response. An employee walks up to him and says: "Hey boss, we only have 75 boats, there is no boat 99." The manager went back to the microphone and said: "Boat 66, are you in trouble?"

HYMNS - ONE LICENSE 3642645A

1. Here I Am Lord *John Michael Talbot*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save
I have made the stars of night, I will make their darkness
bright, Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? **R**

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, If You lead me,
I will hold Your people in my heart**

2. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send? **R**

2. Isaiah 49 *Carey Landry*

1&3. I will never forget you, My people
I have carved you on the palm of My hand
I will never forget you
I will not leave you orphaned
I will never forget My own

2. Does a mother forget her baby?
Or a woman the child within her womb?
Yet even if these forget,
Yes, even if these forget,
I will never forget my own

3. Prayer of St Francis *Various*

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is
hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where
there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's
despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is
darkness, only light, And where there's sadness, ever
joy.

**Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek,
So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand.
To be loved as to love with all my soul.**

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning
that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we
receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

4. Like a Shepherd *Bob Dufford*

**Refrain: Like a shepherd he feeds his flock,
And gathers the lambs in his arms,
Holding them carefully close to his heart,
Leading them home.**

1: Say to the cities of Judah prepare the way of the Lord
Go to the mountain top lift your voice
Jerusalem here is your God. **R**

2. I myself will shepherd them, For others have
led them astray. The lost I will rescue and heal
their wounds. And pasture them giving them rest. **R**



Message from Our Lady Queen Of Peace of Medjugorje

November 2024

Dear children!

In this time of the grace of expectation, I desire to call you
to prayer for Advent to be prayer of the family. In a special
way, little children whom I tenderly embrace, I encourage
you to prayer for peace in the world; for peace to prevail
over peacelessness and hatred.

Thank you for having responded to my call.

MONARO MISSION – CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL 24 DECEMBER 2024

DELEGATE 4.30PM, BERRIDALE 5PM, COOMA 6PM

BOMBALA 6.30PM, NIMMITABEL 8PM

CHRISTMAS DAY 25 DECEMBER 2024

ADAMINABY 8AM, THREDBO CHAPEL 8AM

COOMA 10AM, JINDABYNE 10AM

5TH SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER 2024

NIMMITABEL VIGIL 5PM, BERRIDALE 10AM,

COOMA 10AM

NEW YEARS DAY 1 JANUARY 2025

BOMBALA 9.30AM, BERRIDALE 10AM, COOMA 10AM



Heartfelt congratulations to a truly remarkable
Bombala couple as you celebrate your
Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 19 December 2024.
Sixty years of love, commitment and cherished
memories is an incredible milestone.

May your journey together continue to be blessed with joy,
health and countless more beautiful moments.

May God's grace and blessings shine upon you both today and always.



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Third Sunday of Advent, Year C

15 December 2024

First Reading Zep 3:14-18

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your
midst;
you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes, word will come to
Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;
he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm

Is 12:2-6 R. v.6

**(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and
Holy One of Israel.**

1. Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. (R.)
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to
his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the
peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. (R.)
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One
of Israel. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 4:4-7

The Lord is near.

I want you to be happy, always happy in
the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your
happiness. Let your tolerance be evident

to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is
no need to worry; but if there is anything
you need, pray for it, asking God for it with
prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of
God, which is so much greater than we can
understand, will guard your hearts and your
thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

***The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News
to the poor.***

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 3:10-18

What, then, must we do?

When all the people asked John, 'What
must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has
two tunics he must share with the man
who has none, and the one with something
to eat must do the same.' There were tax
collectors too who came for baptism, and
these said to him, 'Master, what must we
do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than
your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in
their turn, 'What about us? What must we
do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No
extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among
the people, who were beginning to think
that John might be the Christ, so John
declared before them all, 'I baptise you with
water, but someone is coming, someone
who is more powerful than I am, and I am
not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he
will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his
threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into
his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire
that will never go out.' As well as this, there
were many other things he said to exhort
the people and to announce the Good News
to them.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Is it any wonder that there was a
growing sense among the people that
John might be the Christ? His teaching
in the first part of this week's gospel
might just as easily have come from the
mouth of Jesus. It demonstrates for us
just how much John was preparing the
way for Jesus: even his teaching was in
line with what Jesus would later say. In
this instance, the people gathered
around John (presumably having been
baptised by him) are asking how they
should live out their new-found
conversion of heart. John's response to
the three groups is about the need for
generosity and justice. It is about not
taking more than your share when
someone else does not have sufficient.
To the crowd of people, he instructs
them to give away a second tunic to
someone who doesn't have one at all
and to share their food with those who
are hungry. To the tax collectors, he
cautioned them to collect no more than
what they were supposed to. Tax
collectors made their profit by
overcharging taxpayers. Together with
the fact that they worked for the Roman
occupiers, this made tax collectors one
of the most despised groups in society.
John's caution to them is to be just in
their dealings. He also cautions the
soldiers against intimidation and
extorting money from the people to
supplement their pay. The themes of
justice and hospitality that will echo
throughout the gospel of Luke are
clearly evident in this episode with
John. When the people start to talk
about him being the Christ, John is
quick to point them to the one who is
still to come; the one who will share
with them more fully the love of God
and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

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